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## Personal Mention

Brother J. M. Tombaugh's father died and was buried two weeks ago. An obituary by brother Henry Wise will appear soon.

Brother O. L. Brown, Norcature, Kansas, asks us to change the address of his paper to Montpelier, Ohio, which of course means that he has moved or will move to the State of Ohio. We are always glad to welcome good brethren to our State.

The meeting at Warsaw, Indiana, by Brother Yoder closed with excellent interest and thirty-one confessions. Another great victory for the Master in that place. Eighteen of the thirty-one confessions are from the Sunday-school, more than half of the whole number.

Brother J. E. Parson, who has been at Washington, D. C., for some time writes encouragingly of the work of the mission in that city. No, you will not burden the readers of the EVANGELIST by writing once a month as you suggest. Those are the kind of burdens our readers love to bear. They are light and easy.

Sister Clara Schroyer has had a long siege of sickness, and when last heard from she was not yet able to attend divine worship at the house of God. She took sick soon after the Indiana State Conference last October and has been able to do very little since that time. We hope she may entirely recover from her affliction.

We are informed by a private correspondent that elder S. H. Bashor was holding forth with meetings in Hamlin, Kansas, two weeks ago. Altho the roads and weather were unfavorable the meetings were well attended, and Brother Bashor, so our informant tells us, is doing some old time preaching. His friends hope he will continue in the work of the ministry. The church needs his services.

Brother L. O. Hubbard, writing of the Moody Book as a premium, says, "Just received your Life of Moody I am delighted with it. I do not see how you can give it so reasonably." That is the verdict of all who have reported anything concerning the book. We have now sold 900 copies, and

another 100 copies are on the way from Philadelphia. Those who have recently ordered the book, and those who may yet order will please have patience, until the last lot of books is received. As soon as they arrive we will mail them.

Brother O. A. Swadburg writes that he will pay one dollar to have another Twentieth Century number of the EVANGELIST made, and as evidence he encloses the one dollar. Thanks, brother. It is not necessary that you should send the money now. Simply pledge yourself for the one dollar and when the 25 are secured announcement will be made. We hope to secure enough pledges by April to enable us to get out the paper in that month. Who is next? Brother McFaden writes that his charge will take \$5.00 worth of papers.

From Lincoln, Nebraska, brother Clarence Yoder writes: "A few days ago I was surprised to run across a small building here in the city which looked like a school house, without shutters and belfry, but which bore the inscription in large letters 'First Brethren Church of Lincoln.' The building was dedicated about a month ago." We wish that it were as the inscription reads "The First Brethren Church of Lincoln," but it is the German Baptist church, and not Brethren church. We have no church building in Lincoln. It is rather strange that our German Baptist brethren persist in the use of our name.

Brother L. S. Bauman closed his meeting at Bryan last week with seven accessions and the entire town religiously awakened. On his way home Brother Bauman called at Ashland but had time only for a few hours. We had a short but very pleasant interview with him. He speaks very encouragingly of Dayton as a mission field for the Brethren church, and gives it as his opinion that with proper effort a few years will see a flourishing church of the Brethren in that city. The State Conference of Ohio should turn its attention to and concentrate its efforts on that one point and keep "at it" until we have a self supporting church in the city of Dayton.

Brother John Brower, Huntington, Indiana, writes, "Our Sunday-school was organized November 4, and has been growing in interest and in numbers ever since. Never wait till the first of April to organize a school. I will say that *Our Little Folks* paper is the best of the kind that I have ever seen. The children grab for the papers. We will have to increase our order for next quarter." Thanks, brother. If there are any schools in the brotherhood that have not yet tried the paper they should give us an order for the coming quarter. The last four numbers of this little paper are especially fine. Your experience has been the experience of many others so far as the winter school is concerned.

Brother J. L. Hamilton, Corinne, Utah, in remittance for the renewal of his paper and one new subscription write: "I wish to say that since living isolated from the church we appreciate the EVANGELIST more than ever before. Every isolated brother and sister should not fail to read the church paper regularly. It is the only medium by which they can keep in touch with the work of the church. They will find it a great help and comfort, and possibly keep them loyal, not only to their church but to their Lord also. With us the EVANGELIST is the best reference we have ever found for preparing an outline when called upon to lead a Christian Endeavor or Epworth League meeting." Next week we will publish some news from Brother Hamilton that will interest our readers.

It is not too early to announce that brother J. L. Kimmel will take charge of the Dayton mission on April 1, 1901, which means that Dayton will have one of the best men in the state of Ohio or in the brotherhood for that matter. The mission will be safe in his hands, and we hope to see all the churches in the state take up the work and do what they can to support this work. Brother Kimmel has done excellent work in three congregations of which he has been pastor for several years, Ankenytown, Buckeye City and North Liberty. These churches were not at all willing to give up Brother Kimmel for he did them noble service, but the cause at large is dearer to them than any local interests, and they have yielded to the larger interests of the brotherhood. We understand that Brother Bauman will take charge of these three congregations for a period of three months during the coming summer, probably with a view of conducting a series of revival meetings in each of the three congregations. We shall be very glad to have Brother Bauman locate in our District, tho for the present the indications are that it will be only a temporary arrangement.

Brother Cassel in this issue touches upon a fundamental truth, the need of a new birth, or the place of regeneration in Christian civilization. The error which he points out is a common one, tho none the less fundamental for all that. For when men undertake the reformation of human society disregarding the great principles involved in regeneration and repentance they are fundamentally in error. There is no lasting, permanent reformation that does not have its foundation in the basic principles of regeneration and repentance. Very little hope do we have in that reformation which is not the outgrowth of regeneration and repentance. Christ taught reformation of life and society, but with equal emphasis and as preceding it he taught the absolute need of regeneration. Bishop Potter is doing a good work in compelling those in authority to enforce the law; he may succeed in closing up some of those horrible dens of vice, and thus remove certain temptations and improve the morals of the city, but if he would have a clean city he must lay the ax at the root of the tree which produces all this vice and crime and iniquity. Reformation will naturally follow regeneration.

Brother D. C. Moomaw enlarges upon the thought presented by brother Isaac Leedy in these columns a few weeks ago. The consecration of our means to the Lord in a way that will do good and carry forward our work even after we have passed away is a matter that should have the serious consideration of all Christian people, and especially so in the Brethren church, whose institutions are yet in their incipency and need the fostering care and support of all who have means at their disposal. What a blessed thing it would be if some of our brethren whom the Lord has so richly blessed with the things of this world would provide for these institutions in their last will and testament. Brother Moomaw need have no fear that Ashland College will inculcate any of that worldly wisdom or knowledge which is "puffed up"; the very opposite rather. We have knowledge of at least a few who came to this place with that kind of knowledge and it is rapidly being "puffed" away into the air. Tho not a member of the Faculty of Ashland College, yet we happen to be intimately acquainted with each member of the Faculty, come in close contact with their work, and located as we are and the position we occupy enable us to judge impartially of the work of these consecrated men; the knowledge and wisdom here inculcated is